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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S STATEMENT
IN SECURITY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 2, AFTER ADOPTION, BY CONSENSUS,
OF SC RESOLUTION 379(SEPTEL), ON SPANIS SAHARA:

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR W.TAPLEY BENNETT, JR., DEPUTY UNITED
STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, ON THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA, NOVEMBER 2,
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MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE QUICK WAY IN WHICH YOU ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL AND MOVED RAPIDLY IN THIS MOMENT OF CRISIS. THE COQNCIL WILL HAVE REASON TO CALL ON YOUR LONG EXPERIENCE DURING THE MONTH WHICH PROMISES TO BE A VERY BQSY ONE IN THIS BODY. LET ME ALSO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF MY GOVERNMENT FOR THE DISTINGUISHED WAY IN WHICH OUR PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR RYDBECK OF SWEDEN, CONDUCTED THE AFFAIRS OF THE COQNCIL DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

ON THE QUESTPON AT ISSUE, MR. PRESIDENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO STATE OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS APPROACHED THIS VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM AND FOR THE ENERGY AND DEDICATION WITH WHICH HE HAS SOUGHT A COMMON ACCORD. MY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS FULLY THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION THAT WE HAVE JUST ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND WE ENCOURAGE THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS VIGOROUS EFFORTS WITH THE CONCERNED AND INTERESTED PARTIES. WE

HOPE A SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND THAT RECOGNIZES THE VIEWS OF THE PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS THAT HAVE A BEARING ON THE MEANS BY WHICH A DEPENDENT AREA ACHIEVES THE GOAL OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

WE ALSO CALL ON ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO AVOID ANY ACTION THAT COULD TURN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF THE WORLD INTO A SCENE OF CONFRONTATION AND POSSIBLE HUMAN TRAGEDY. THE TIES THAT LINK THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION SHOULD MAKE ALL EQUALLY AWARE OF THE NECESSITY OF FINDING A PEACEFUL AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. UNQTE.
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